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AXIS (AS AMENDED)

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview on September 6, 2005. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), submitted herewith is a statement of the substance of the telephonic interview on September 6, 2005, with Examiner Vijay Chawan, regarding the above-identified application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the actual interview and is therefore a timely response.

The following individuals participated in the interview: (i) Examiner Chawan; (ii) Ted Rittmaster, Attorney for Applicant; and (iii) Justin Sobaje, Attorney for Applicant. No exhibit was shown, and no demonstration was conducted.

During the interview, we discussed claims, including claims 23-25. Also, we discussed cited references, including Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,240) and Kageyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,412,152).

In particular, we pointed out distinctions between embodiments of claims 23-25 and the cited references in that embodiments of claims 23-25 allow for at least two different compression formats or at least two different expansion formats to be applied over a waveform. We discussed FIG. 31 of Suzuki, and how the system of Suzuki only uses a single compression format. Also, we discussed how Kageyama mentions expansion and contraction (e.g. Kageyama; col. 2, lines 3-6), but that Kageyama never mentions the use of more than one compression or expansion format.

Furthermore, we discussed providing proposed claim amendments to further clarify the above distinctions and to separate the compression and expansion aspects of embodiments of claims 23-25.

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